

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday January 29th 2006**

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## **IRTS AGM 2006**

Preparations are well advanced for this years IRTS AGM, which is being held on Sunday April 23rd at the Vienna Woods Hotel in Cork and is being hosted by Cork Radio Club. The weekend will follow the usual format with a dinner on the Saturday night, a rally on Sunday and the Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday afternoon. The Vienna Woods Hotel is located on the eastern side of Cork City just off the Glanmire roundabout at the city side of Glanmire village.

For those wishing to stay in the hotel overnight, only double rooms are available and these can only be booked through Dave EI4BZ on 087-6290574 at a cost of €110.00 per room with breakfast. Please note that there are only a few rooms left at the Vienna Woods.

However, rooms are also available at the neighbouring Ibis Hotel at a cost of 59 Euro for a single room and 69 Euro for a double room. Breakfast costs Euro 8.50. The telephone number for the Ibis Hotel is 021-4354354. Rooms are also available at the nearby John Barleycorn Hotel at a cost of 45 Euro for a single and 85.00 Euro for a double room including a full Irish Breakfast. The telephone number here is 021-4821499. Enquiries to Finbarr EI1CS on 021-4346622 or Dave EI4BZ on 087-6290574.

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## **Coolmine Rally**

The annual Phoenix Radio Club Rally will be held on Sunday February 26th at the Coolmine Community School in Blanchardstown and not as originally planned on the 12th of February. All enquiries to Tony on 01-8252074 or 087-2439997

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## **Limerick Rally**

The Limerick Radio Club would like to remind all of their upcoming Rally. It will be held in the Greenhills Hotel, Ennis Rd, Limerick on Sunday 12th March. Icom UK have confirmed attendance and will have the IC7000 , IC756Pro3 and IC7800 on display. The club is presently in negotiation with several other suppliers. The first of the raffle prizes has already been secured and it is a DSP Speaker from BHI UK. Anybody interested in a table or simply needing further information feel free to

contact Paul EI6FE on 061 360122.

Further news will be forthcoming as soon as we have it. Members of LRC are looking forward to a successful rally and meeting all our old friends again.

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### **Lough Erne Amateur Radio Club**

The Lough Erne Amateur Radio Clubs 25th Annual Radio Show will take place in the Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskillen, on Sunday the 23rd of April 2006. Doors open at 12 Noon and Admission is £3.00 or 5.00 Euro. There is generous car parking space and refreshments on site. There is a Bring & Buy stand with no fees. There will be traders big & small selling Amateur Radio gear, components, electronics, computer components and various new, surplus and second-hand equipment. UK traders are expected. Usual large attendance from North and South is expected as the club returns to the familiar venue. For information on accommodation or trade stand space contact Alan Gault GI6PYP on 07771 811484/028 6634 1108, "alan dot r dot gault at homecall dot co dot uk" or Herbie Graham GI6JPO on 028 6638 7761. Call early to avoid disappointment.

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### **South Dublin Radio Club**

South Dublin Radio Club will hold its AGM on Tuesday the 21st of February at 8 p.m. Also the club will be running the annual Spring challenge during the month of February starting on the 1st of February at 00:00 hours and finishing on the 28th of February at 00.00 hours. The rules are published in the IRTS Handbook or may be obtained from the Club Chairman or committee.

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### **Limerick Radio Club**

The Annual General Meeting of the Limerick Radio Club will be held on the 23rd of February 2006. It will start at 2000 hours sharp in the limerick Institute of Technology, Moylish, Limerick. All members are requested to attend.

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### **South Eastern Amateur Radio Group**

The Annual General Meeting of South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place at 8.00 p.m. in the Roanmore Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford on Wednesday the 22nd of February. All members are asked to attend and visitors are welcome.

A committee meeting will take place this coming Wednesday the 1st of February at 8.00 p.m. in the Roanmore Centre. All committee members are asked to attend.

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### **Tipperary Amateur Radio Club**

The next meeting of the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group will be held on Thursday next the 2nd of February in Raheen House Hotel Clonmel at 8.00 p.m. sharp all are welcome.

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### **Theory Classes in Mayo**

Theory classes will commence in Co. Mayo in the next few weeks. The classes will be held in Ballyvary on Saturdays. Anyone wishing to participate should contact Terry Ebdon on 087 130 8560 immediately. The classes are organised by The Mayo Radio Experimenters Network.

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### **AREN Training**

2006 AREN training will begin in February and it will be organised by distributing material on e-mail and in the post, and by using a directed net to go through it using the format set out in the manual.

The net will take place on Saturday mornings once a month at 0930 for 1.5 hours local as this will leave the rest of the day free. This will continue on the third Saturday of each month.

The next NET will take place on February the 25th and it will consist of an introduction to emergency situations.

These exercises have been prepared by Munster Coordinator Conor O'Neill, EI4JN.

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### **Theory Examination**

Those who sat the theory examination on the 18th of January last will be glad to know that the Society has delivered the results to ComReg on Tuesday the 24th of January. It is expected that ComReg will issue the results in the near future.

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## **80m Counties Contest**

Listeners are reminded that the closing date for receipt of entries to the inaugural 80m Counties Contest is Friday the 3rd of February 2006. Due to the large number of entries already received, late entries will not be accepted under any circumstances. Logs should be emailed to "contests at irts dot ie". All logs received by email are acknowledged within 24 hours of receipt, if you have not received an acknowledgement, please contact the contest manager - Noel EI2JC by email at "contests at irts dot ie". Paper logs may be sent IRTS PO Box 462

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## **EI DXpedition to Southern Africa 2007**

The December issue of Echo Ireland carried a request for expressions of interest from members who would like to take part in a DXpedition to various countries in Southern Africa in 2007. If there is sufficient interest then initial planning will commence next month with a view to the expedition taking place in Spring 2007 as part of the IRTS 75th Jubilee celebrations. Contact Paul EI2CA if you wish to be put on the list for further information by emailing him to "paul at comma dot ie" or telephone 087-2523908.

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## **Morse Proficiency Assessments**

Morse Proficiency assessments will be held in Greystone Community Centre, Ballycraigy Road, Antrim on Saturday the 29th of April 2006 commencing at 1:30 p.m.

These assessments are open to anyone with an interest in Morse and will be offered at various speeds. If you are interested in taking a proficiency assessment please contact Jim Henry, GI0DVU no later than Wednesday the 19th of April 2006 by telephone on 048 9266 2270 or by e-mail to "jim dot henry at ntlworld dot com".

Two certificates are awarded to those who successfully complete the assessment.

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## **SuitSat**

SuitSat will be deployed during a Russian EVA scheduled to take place on Friday, February 3 at approximately 22:20 UTC. Once activated, those who hear SuitSat transmissions are asked to enter their realtime data on the SuitSat website, [www.suitsat.org](http://www.suitsat.org) so that participants around the world can track the satellite.

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Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Mark Wall, EI7IS at QTHR or by phone to 051 853806 or 087 6302026. Items for the radio news can also be faxed to 087 5 6302026. News should be submitted via e-mail to “news at irts dot ie” for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Fridays.

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